

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

AUGUST 22, 1967

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LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

AUGUST 22, 1967

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, August 21 and 22, 1967.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, August 22, 1967, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at Monday's meeting, August 21, 1967, were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

The above members were present for Tuesday's Public Meeting with the exception of Mr. John Edwin Kyle, Jr. who was absent.

the Commission set the waterfowl season dates within the prescribed framework.

Mr. Norris made the motion to set the season as late as possible, November 29, 1967 to January 7, 1968. Chairman Thompson called for a second to the motion; however, no one seconded the motion and Chairman Thompson said he did not know if it were legal or not, but he would like to go on record as seconding Mr. Norris' motion. The motion did not pass as there was no legal second.

Mr. Jones then made a motion that the dates for the duck and coot season be from November 18, 1967 to December 27, 1967, 40 consecutive days. Mr. Buquet seconded the motion stating that the Commission has considered these dates from every aspect trying to help the majority of the sportsmen. Mr. Buquet said that it is unfortunate that the Commission cannot satisfy all of the hunters, but they must consider everyone. In this respect, he said, with the dates being November 18 to December 27, the Thanksgiving and a portion of the Christmas holidays will be included.

Mr. Charles Bosch, representing the Louisiana Wild Life Federation, requested the floor. He stated he did not think the Commission will satisfy the public and they will not understand the Commission's reasoning as the sportsmen of the State have requested that the season dates be set as late as possible. Mr. Bosch said the public also wants additional liberalization on mallards and reiterated "this pleases the fewest people."

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated that normally the first order of business is the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings, but he requested a delay in the action as all of the Commission Members had not had a chance to review them.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously adopted, the approval of the minutes of the previous Commission meetings were dispensed with until a later date.

Chairman Thompson called Mr. Richard Yancey to the floor to explain the proposed waterfowl season for Louisiana.

Mr. Yancey stated that the Commission recently received the waterfowl framework for the 1967-68 seasons from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Washington. Mr. Yancey said they will allow Louisiana a total of 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days which is to run between October 7, 1967 to January 7, 1968. These dates apply to ducks and coots. The daily bag limit is four and the possession limit is eight. The basic daily bag limit on ducks may not include more than two mallards, more than one wood duck and more than one canvasback. He said that the possession limit may not include more than four mallards, two wood ducks and one canvasback. The daily bag limit on coots is 10, with a possession limit of 20. Mr. Yancey said that the shooting hours on waterfowl will be from one half hour before sunrise to sunset, which is in accordance with the regulations established by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Mr. Yancey then recommended

Chairman Thompson asked for a show of hands on Mr. Jones' motion. Those in favor were Mr. Jones, Mr. Buquet, Mr. Wright and Mr. Fairchild. Those opposed were Mr. Norris and Chairman Thompson.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received the 1967-68 Waterfowl framework and regulations from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the 1967-68 duck and coot season to begin on November 18, 1967 and end on December 27, 1967, a total of 40 consecutive days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all rules and regulations shall be adhered to, as established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. For ducks the daily bag limit is four and the possession limit is eight. The basic daily bag limit on ducks may not include more than two mallards, more than one wood duck and more than one canvasback. The possession limit may not include more than four mallards, two wood ducks and one canvasback. The daily bag limit on coots is 10, with a possession limit of 20. The Gallinules Season shall begin November 4 and end on January 12, 1968, with the daily bag limit of 15 and the possession limit of 30. Shooting hours on waterfowl shall be from one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Chairman Thompson explained that the Commission has always tried to please most of the people. He agreed the largest number of ducks could be shot if a split season were set; however, Chairman Thompson continued by stating that a split season would not satisfy everyone and would not resolve the problem at hand. Chairman Thompson explained that the Commission directed Mr. Yancey and other Commission personnel to conduct a survey of the Canada breeding grounds to secure complete and correct data for presentation to the Bureau when they met in Washington. Chairman Thompson said with this first hand information, which has been proven time and again, Louisiana is afforded a better opportunity in establishing the waterfowl season for the state.

Mr. Bosch said the public will not understand the reason why Louisiana should have to fight with the Federal Government. He said that during the past several years, the duck season has not been set as late as possible and he believed it was evident that Louisiana has not received the best possible season. Mr. Bosch stated that with the dates of November 18th to December 27th, the Commission is telling the people they will shoot fewer ducks.

Chairman Thompson told Mr. Bosch he may be right, but the Commission, to the best of their ability, have tried to satisfy most of the people in setting the dates of the duck season. Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said Louisiana hunters will again have a bonus of two scaup daily and four in possession, in addition to the basic bag.

He said the basic bag may also contain, scaup, but two additional scaup are allowed in the bonus scaup zone. Mr. Yancey gave a description of the zone and recommended that a resolution be adopted defining same.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Louisiana shall have a bonus of two scaup daily and a possession of four, in addition to the basic bag limit. The basic bag limit may also contain scaup; however, two additional scaup shall be allowed in the Bonus Scaup Zone.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby define the Bonus Scaup Zone as being in "that portion of the State of Louisiana lying south and east of a line starting at the intersection of the Intracoastal waterway and the Louisiana-Texas Stateline; thence east following the Intracoastal waterway to Morgan City, Louisiana; thence east following U. S. Highway 90 to its intersection with U. S. Highway 61; thence northwesterly along Highway 61 to its junction with U. S. Highway 51; thence north following U. S. Highway 51 to its intersection with U. S. Highway 190; thence easterly following U. S. Highway 190 to its intersection with the Louisiana-Mississippi Stateline." The bonus bag shall apply each day during the regular duck season.

Mr. Yancey then told the Commission of the prescribed framework for the Louisiana goose season. He said Louisiana is allowed 70 consecutive days or a split season of 70 days which is to run between

September 30, 1967 and January 14, 1968. Mr. Yancey recommended the goose season extend from Monday, November 6, 1967 to Sunday, January 14, 1968, a total of 70 consecutive days.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the 1967-68 Goose Season to begin on Monday, November 6, 1967 and end on January 14, 1968, a total of 70 consecutive days.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the daily bag limit on geese shall be five, with the possession limit of five. The goose bag limit shall not contain more than two white-fronted geese (specklebellies). Shooting of Canada geese shall be prohibited for the 1967-68 season as efforts are being made to rebuild wintering flocks of the species in Louisiana.

Mr. Yancey then stated to the Commission that construction of the new headquarters facility on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, had been completed. Mr. Yancey said the Commission had contracted Baker-Mathys Associates, Winnsboro, La., several months ago to act as architects to prepare plans and specifications for this facility. Bids were then solicited by the Division of Administration and on January 26, 1967 a work contract was issued to Edgar M. Williams, Alexandria, La., and the work has been completed. Mr. Yancey explained that this project was inspected on August 9, 1967, by Messrs. Jemmie Thompson, Kenneth Smith, Dewey Wills and himself, along with Mr. Baker, the architect and was found

to be satisfactory. Mr. Yancey said Mr. William Baker has recommended that the Commission accept the work called for under contract DA-34144 for the construction of the Saline Wildlife Management Area headquarters buildings.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received notification certifying that the contractor has completed the work, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Edgar M. Williams, Contractor, for the construction of the Headquarters Facility on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana and it is recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Edgar M. Williams, Contractor, with said Commission, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a certified copy of this resolution to the contractor for filing in the Mortgage Records of LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Yancey said the Commission has received a request from the East Carroll Parish Police Jury requesting clarification as to the west boundary of the area to be opened to either sex deer hunting in East Carroll Parish. Mr. Yancey explained that the Commission's regulations adopted earlier stated that U. S. Highway 65 was to be the western boundary of the either sex deer hunting area in East

Carroll Parish and recommended that it be changed to the main line Mississippi River levee. By opening that part of East Carroll Parish east of the main line Mississippi River levee to 5 days of either sex deer hunting beginning November 24, 1967, the resolution of the Police Jury will be complied with.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the East Carroll Parish Police Jury has requested the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to more clearly define the boundary description for East Carroll Parish regarding the first five days of the any-sex deer season.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby define that portion of East Carroll Parish to be opened to the harvesting of any-sex deer during the first five days of the deer season beginning November 24, 1967 as the entire area of the Parish lying east of the main line Mississippi River levee.

Chairman Thompson recognized Senator B. B. Rayburn in the audience and asked him to present his request at that time.

Senator Rayburn from the 22nd Senatorial District, which includes St. Tammany and Washington Parishes, requested the Commission leave the deer season regulations the same as they had been in past years. He said the people of his district in Washington and St. Tammany Parishes are opposed to the 1967-68 deer hunting regulations as they are different in one portion as compared to that of the rest of the parish. He said that he was present at the Commission's meeting, along with Representatives McLain and Sheridan, in order to give support to the

wishes of the people in his district. He said that even though he had heard conflicting statements on the subject and possibly the Commission received the same information, they were apparently erroneous or representing a very small minority. Senator Rayburn said their Police Juries had met with him asking that he represent them requesting hunting be allowed with dogs in Washington Parish as well as opening that section east of Highway 21 and north of Highway 10.

Chairman Thompson requested Representative Jessie McLain to speak on the matter.

Representative McLain, of St. Tammany Parish, said he concurred with Senator Rayburn as St. Tammany Parish has practically the same problem as Washington Parish. He gave an example such as the Crown-Zellerbach Corporation in Washington Parish has, through the years, cleared many of the trees in the area having less land available to the hunters in which to hunt. The same situation occurred in St. Tammany Parish due to growing populations and industry. He explained that many of the hunters take special care of their dogs all year in order that they will be ready for the deer hunting season; however, as the regulations were made, they will not be afforded the opportunity to hunt with their dogs.

Chairman Thompson recognized Representative Lawrence Sheridan of Washington Parish, who reiterated the same sentiments as Senator Rayburn and Representative McLain.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received a request from the citizens of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes as presented by Senator B. B. Rayburn, Representative Jessie McLain of St. Tammany Parish and Representative Lawrence Sheridan of Washington Parish, asking for a change in the 1967-68 Deer Hunting Season for their respective areas.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby reschedule the 1967-68 Deer Hunting Season for Washington and St. Tammany Parishes which shall cover the following: East of La. Hwy. 450 from the Mississippi State line to La. Hwy. 10 south of La. Hwy. 10 from La. Hwy. 450 to Tchefuncte River, east of the Tchefuncte River from La. Hwy. 10 to Lake Pontchartrain, north of Lake Pontchartrain from Tchefuncte River to the Mississippi State line. The 1967-68 Deer Hunting season for the above described areas shall be 23 Days with or without dogs; November 24 - December 3, 1967; December 26 - January 7, 1968.

Chairman Thompson called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained to the Commission that an application from Marshland Dredging Company, Inc. had been received to dredge for sand and fill material in the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Baton Rouge. Dr. St. Amant said the application had been examined and meets all requirements. He then recommended that the Commission approve this permit.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Marshland Dredging Company, Inc. to dredge for sand and fill material in the Mississippi River, in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant said the Commission also received an application for a permit from Luke Construction Company, Inc., Houma, La., to dredge for fill material in the Mississippi River, opposite Levee Stations 660 through 800. Dr. St. Amant explained that the application had been examined and found to meet all requirements set forth by this Commission; therefore, he recommended that the Commission approve the permit.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Luke Construction Company, Inc., of Houma, Louisiana, to dredge for fill material in the Mississippi River, near Plaquemine which is opposite Levee Stations 660 through 800.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Since Dr. Ford was unavoidably detained, Chairman Thompson

requested Dr. St. Amant to explain to the Commission the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant stated that several years ago, the Commission adopted a management plan for the Sister Lake and Bay Gardene Oyster Reservations which would provide for the opening of each area on an alternate basis every other year from September 1st through May 20th; Dr. St. Amant said this past year Sister Lake was open and closed on May 20, 1967. He recommended to the Commission that Bay Gardene Oyster Reservation be opened for the period of September 1, 1967, to May 20, 1968, after which it will be closed for a period of approximately fifteen months.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, a management plan has been established for the Sister Lake and Bay Gardene Oyster Reservations which provides for the opening of each area every other year from September 1st through May 20th; each to open on an alternate year basis, and

WHEREAS, beginning September 1, 1966 the Sister Lake Oyster Reservation was opened and closed on May 20, 1967.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that the Bay Gardene Oyster Reservation shall be open for the period of September 1, 1967 to May 20, 1968, as in accordance with the scheduled management plan established for the two above mentioned oyster reservations.

Dr. St. Amant reported to the Commission on the progress of the shell plantings. He said that the planting of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of clam shell was completed around Half Moon Island in western Mississippi Sound and approximately 18,000 cubic yards was planted around Snake Island in the Black Bay Area, both areas in the oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River. These plantings were completed by June 9, 1967, and are progressing satisfactorily. These two plantings, Dr. St. Amant said, shall remain closed for a period of approximately fifteen months until September 1, 1968, provided the seed oysters have caught and grown satisfactorily. Dr. St. Amant continued in stating that the clam shell plantings made in May and June, 1966, have progressed satisfactorily and are scheduled to be opened for fishing beginning September 1, 1967. These two plantings were made in the Bay Boudreau area of the upper Louisiana marshes and in the vicinity of Snake Island in Black Bay.

Chairman Thompson called Mr. Kenneth Smith to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Smith said the Commission received a request from the Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. for a right-of-way across the Saline Wildlife Management Area. He said this right-of-way will extend in length approximately 3 miles, and approximately 40 feet in width. Mr. Smith stated that their proposal had been examined and it was found to be in agreement with the requirements of the Commission and recommended that the right-of-way be granted provided they adhere to certain terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. to extend its rural electric lines across the Saline Wildlife Management Area in order to serve their customers in the vicinity. The right-of-way shall be located on a certain tract of land described as being in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 22; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, all in Township 5 North, Range 14 East, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. Permission is hereby granted provided the Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. adheres to certain terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement which shall be binding upon them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Smith explained that the Commission received a request from the Southwestern Improvement Company for the release of approximately half of the land which they leased to the Commission, known as the Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Smith said they would like to have the land back in order to clear it for soybean crops and recommended the release of that portion of land as requested.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Improvement Company entered into a lease with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on June 18, 1954, without cost to the Commission, for certain lands located in Township 2 North, Ranges 6 and 7 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, for the purpose of establishing a game management area, better known as the Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, Southwestern Improvement Company has made application for the release of certain portions of the Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area with the intent to clear that portion for agricultural purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby release to the Southwestern Improvement Company that portion of the Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area lying west of the east line of Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, Township 2 North, Range 7 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Smith continued by explaining to the Commission the notification received from the Southwestern Improvement Company offering the reinstatement of a certain portion of land which was released on February 28, 1967 from the original agreement. The plant which Hercules, Inc. proposed to construct on the lands released was not constructed and therefore, the lease Southwestern Improvement Company had with Hercules, Inc. was cancelled. Mr. Smith recommended

that the Commission give approval for the reinstatement of that land released on February 28, 1967, which totals approximately 250 acres.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1967, upon the request of the Southwestern Improvement Company, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission released approximately 250 acres of land from the original agreement of July 1, 1960, for the purpose of constructing an explosive plant on that portion of land, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an offer from Southwestern Improvement Company to reinstate said land to the original wildlife management area lease as said plant will not be constructed on same leaving said land available for Commission use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby desire and approve to reinstate the following described lands to the West Bay Wildlife Management Area as originally stated in the agreement of January 1, 1960:

Township 2 South, Range 4 West, Section 26, the East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$, south of La. State Highway 10 and Township 2 South, Range 4 West, Section 35, the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$, except railroad right of way, and the south $\frac{1}{4}$ of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$, except railroad right of way, and the north $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$. The above described lands all being situated in Allen Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Smith told the Commission of the request received from the D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission asking for a renewal of the contract the Commission has with them in sharing the cost of employing a biologist for D'Arbonne Lake. Mr. Smith explained that on September 1, 1964 the Commission entered into a contract which will expire on September 1, 1967. Since that time, this biologist has proven most beneficial in obtaining research information on the lake as well as managing the area in respect to the protection and betterment of fish and wildlife. If the Commission should approve this, the biologist should work very close to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's biologists. D'Arbonne Lake Commission is asking that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extend this agreement for six months beginning September 1, 1967 to March 1, 1968. This should give sufficient time for the D'Arbonne Lake Commission to pass a maintenance tax for work on the lake.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1964 the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission entered into a cost sharing contract with the D'Arbonne Lake Commission to employ a qualified biologist to manage the D'Arbonne Lake area on all matters pertaining to hunting, fishing and wildlife in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give approval for renewing the contract with the D'Arbonne Lake Commission, upon their request, in order to continue the

employment of the designated biologist. This contract provides for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to pay a sum of \$250.00 per month as the contribution towards the salary and expenses of said biologist. This contract is to be renewed for a period of six months beginning September 1, 1967 to March 1, 1968. Said biologist shall maintain and manage the D'Arbonne Lake Area on all matters pertaining to hunting, fishing, and wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Smith then said the Commission received a request from the Livingston Parish Police Jury and also a petition from a group of the parish requesting a reduction in the deer season from 10 to 5 days and also to set a season of five days for that area north of Hwy. 190. Mr. Smith recommended to the Commission the denial of the request and asked that this season remain as previously set, including that portion below or near the city of Baton Rouge (north of Highway 190.).

Those in favor of granting the request to Livingston Parish were Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Norris and Mr. Buquet. Those opposed were Mr. Jones, Mr. Wright and Mr. Thompson. Due to a tie vote, this motion failed.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained that the Commission received a request

from the Louisiana Power and Light Company for permission to install an electrical distribution line across the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area in Plaquemines Parish. Mr. Ensminger said this proposal has been examined and found to be feasible provided the Louisiana Power and Light Company agrees to certain terms and conditions which are in the agreement for the protection of wildlife in the area.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and grant permission to the Louisiana Power and Light Company to install an electrical distribution line across the Commission's Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Area in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Permission is hereby granted provided the Louisiana Power and Light Company adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon them for the protection and interest of the wildlife and fisheries in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger then said the Commission received a request from Humble Oil and Refining Company for permission to install an access route to State Lease 3498, Well No. 13, and additional production flowlines to serve the State Lease in Lake Sand Field which is

located on the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Ensminger explained that this proposal has been examined and found to be feasible provided the Humble Oil and Refining Company agrees to certain terms and conditions which shall be binding upon them.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Humble Oil and Refining Company to install an access route to State Lease 3498, Well No. 13, and additional production flowlines to serve State Lease in Lake Sand Field located on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. This permission is granted provided the Humble Oil and Refining Company agrees to adhere to certain terms and conditions for the protection and interest of the wildlife and fisheries in the area, which shall be binding upon them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger then explained the request received from the Pan American Petroleum Corporation for an amendment to their existing lease to provide for pipe line to transport production from Marsh Island. Mr. Ensminger said this proposal has been examined and found to be feasible thereby recommending the Commission grant approval of Pan American Petroleum Corporation's request.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby concur and approve of the Pan American Corporation's request to amend a portion of the rules and regulations under which their company is operating on the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. This provision shall be made a part of Section 1 of Part B of the Rules and Regulations as revised in 1964 to permit the installation of a pipeline or pipelines to be constructed by the lessee from the lessee's premises across a portion of Marsh Island not constituting a portion of the lessee's premises for the purpose of gathering, transporting or marketing production from Marsh Island and for no other purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger then told the Commission of the Atlantic Richfield Company's request to extend seismograph lines beyond the boundary of Geophysical Permit No. 1448, Marsh Island Refuge. Mr. Ensminger explained that this proposal has been examined and found to be impractical; therefore, he recommended that the Commission deny this request.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby deny the request of the Atlantic Richfield Company to extend their geophysical lines beyond the permit area granted under Geophysical Permit No. 1348-P which covers a portion of the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger then gave the recommendations for the coming hunting season regulations for Pass-A-Loutre. He requested the hunting at the waterfowl management area begin November 18, 1967, with 2-day hunts on Saturday and Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday of each week until December 24, 1967. The charge is to be \$5.00 sent to the office in advance by check or money order. Mr. Ensminger said these regulations are similar to that of last year with the exception of the dates and recommended to the Commission that same be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the following hunting regulations for the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area: Waterfowl hunting only; fee \$5.00 for two-day hunt; mail application along with check or money order to Refuge Division, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, for drawing according to scheduled hunts; specify hunting dates desired which shall begin Saturday, November 18, 1967 with two-day hunts being allowed Saturday and Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday of each

week until Sunday, December 24, 1967; accommodations for men only, 16 years of age or older; camps are to be assigned to hunters by Commission supervisory personnel. Season permits shall be available for adjacent open portion of the area free of charge.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie L. Glasgow, Director &
Secretary